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## Feet and Wings

BY NONA L. BROOKS.

**W**HAT wonderful flights we take! For all of us have wings. Not everybody uses his wings, but each one has the privilege of soaring in the highest realms of thought. No barrier can prevent the use of the wings of thought, with which we may touch all the treasures of this vital, living universe abounding in beauty and goodness. We travel far on our wings and discover new worlds with every flight. Better still we lay firmer hold on the great principle upon which these worlds rest.

Every day living is transformed by the principles and forces that are discovered. Something greater than height, depth, and breadth is revealed as we expand in consciousness. This Something is the within-ness, the Infinite Spirit of life. Philosophers, natural scientists, and psychologists are calling it the fourth dimension. Thinkers have explored this realm only partially, but the exploring of it offers an infinite opportunity for expansion and inclusion of the all in One. They who send their thought out on real wings, find the activity of God-Life everywhere waiting for our acknowledgment through fuller discovery.

Let us use our wings individually. Jesus and every other great teacher found in their discoveries the Something greater and bigger. In fact all who have truly searched have found the Truth. Buddha discovered a Living Path and opened it to many souls. In the contemplation of our wings let us not forget that we also have feet. Religious leaders have often made the mistake of using their wings alone. This is only a half of the thing to be done. Jesus knew that the use of both wings and feet was necessary in order to realize the ideal of living the life.

The one who does nothing but think and meditate, accomplishes only part. Knowledge is a call to action. Truth perceived, something bigger learned, reacts unfavorably unless we put our knowledge into action. It is not sufficient to know only rules. Every rule must be demonstrated. In fact we do not know the rule until we can demonstrate. Show forth your understanding by demonstration. We must catch the fire from heaven, but this fire must be brought to earth. Galileo, Newton, Kepler, in their flights caught the very thoughts of God, and were inspired to search the heavens and the earth for the universal principle of a living universe.

The indictment brought against the church that there is too much smugness expressed in the Pharaonic attitude—"I better than thou"—is probably de-

served in many groups. What is the test of "betterness?" How are we using the thing we know in our homes, our business, our social touch, our church life? In other words how well are we serving? With what integrity of purpose do we move among our fellow men and carry on our relations with them?

It is not the word but the life back of the word! Our words are "Spirit and they are Life," when they are backed by the universe. Speak because the Spirit within impels you—from the heart out. Am I just saying this or am I living it? I apart from God have no love to use. Every bit of love that stirs my heart, comes, because I am a child, an expression of God.

Are we living the balanced life? It is the type most worthful. In this living we use our wings and our feet. Conscious always of the Great Realities, we carry their image into our daily activities and see the beauty and wonder of our world in each step taken. The day's journey is translated into a wonder journey.

Religion is not theoretical only. Come to earth with your thoughts from heaven. Plant your feet firmly, making each step count for good. Ask yourselves the question, "Am I doing it? Is every moment of my daily life full of the Spirit? Am I going out day by day and laying hold of the Great Principle, and using it in the hourly expression? It takes no longer to think a thought of life than of death, of unity and love, than of separation, of Truth than of error. The Spirit of God is spontaneous in its activity. And there is no separation.

Are you restless? Are you not happy? Then, you are not listening to Spirit. For the right to peace, joy, power, love, comradeship.—Truth—is the birthright of each Son of God, of every child of Love. Love is conscious unity with one's fellow man and all life in its every expression.

Our wings will show us this unity, and our feet will keep us in it. When Peter, James, and John were taken up by Jesus into the "high mountain apart," and he was transfigured before them. Peter said, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if thou wilt, let us make three tabernacles." And thus it was in their hearts to abide away from the call of human complexities. But Jesus, the master, led them down again into the world of men, because he knew that there mighty works could be done by those whose hearts had been transfigured. He had soared upon the wings of thought, and now he would bring the glad tidings down the mountain side, to

be heard of the ears of men. Immediately he realized the Truth for the small boy and the others who sought him. Jesus never turned from human need even after the Resurrection. He served always, even to the washing of his disciples' feet before he rose.

Every spiritual principle must be brought to earth. To know the truth about every great person is to see that he has soared on the wings of thought, and caught the mighty vision of Omnipresence on the Mount of Transfiguration. But while he was still there he has heard the cry of the need of humanity, and there has arisen the love impulse within his soul to use his feet and bring the message to earth. "I must get it over—This Something Higher and Better"—to those who hunger and seek.

How—when—where—shall I get the message over? How? By unifying all phases of my life, home, business, church, social, in the Principle of Love. When? In my hourly contact with my fellow men. Where? In practicing the Principle of Omnipresence in every expression of life. The signs will follow, for I shall be better in thought and in work and in service—more efficient—yes, vastly more!

The Golden Rule is practical. Its application demonstrates our understanding of conscious unity as the fundamental principle of life. Consciousness brings the understanding of the Great Activity in national, civic, and personal affairs. It is for you and me to lay hold of. No one can do it for another. Each must practice integrity because his heart is true. Then and not till then is he a power.

Prophet, apostle, psalmist,—all leaders of high thinking—have realized the necessity of getting the message of Divine Activity everywhere across to the world, that men might build their lives upon this foundation.

The central idea of my theme today came from the teaching of the prophet, Ezekiel. During his years of captivity in the land of the Chaldeans, Ezekiel saw great light shining in the soul of man. By the river of Chebar, the heavens opened, and

he saw visions of God. He heard the Voice saying unto him, "Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak unto thee."

"I do send thee unto them (the children of Israel): and thou shalt say unto them, 'Thus saith the Lord God.'"

Nothing harder could have happened to the children of Israel, from their point of view, than to be taken from the land which was given them by their God. Their holy city, Jerusalem, their temples with services peculiar to these people—everything held sacred—they were deprived of. Many had gone over to the Babylonian forms of worship, deserting the god of their fathers. Ezekiel was greatly stirred. Everything was dark in the external, but in spite of appearances, he was faithful in his thought, and the heavens opened revealing Infinite Love ever present. Ezekiel caught the fire from heaven. He used his wings, but he used his feet also, and wrought good works among the captive children of Israel trying to show them where real freedom lay. He brought the Truth to his people when the hour was darkest, and after twenty-five hundred years we read his words and see that the Principle of true living was as clear to Ezekiel as it is to us who aspire today.

We as Divine Scientists know what our wings are for. Let us use them. Our wings are the concept of God Universal, for we touch Infinite Love everywhere. Our feet bring this concept into practical service every moment. In sickness, let us apply our knowledge of true health—wholeness. In business, the Golden Rule! In any complex situation of life, the wisdom of Infinite Love. Let us translate the blessed concept of God Universal into terms of Love, and we shall serve in goodness and in Truth, doing the works of Him who sent us. Not he that saith "Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." So shall we use our wings and our feet in the service of God.

## God in All

God of the earth, the sky, the sea!

Maker of all above, below!

Creation lives and moves in thee,

Thy present life through all doth flow.

Thy love is in the sunshine's glow,

Thy life is in the quickening air;

When lightnings flash and storm-winds blow,

There is thy power; thy law is there.

We feel thy calm at evening's hour.

Thy grandeur in the march of night;

And, when the morning breaks in power.

We hear thy word, "Let there be light!"

But higher far, and far more clear,

Thee in man's spirit we behold:

Thine image and thyself are there,—

The Indwelling God, proclaimed of old.

—S. Longfellow.

## Age-Proof

Second childhood came knocking.

For the aged man athirst,

But he met it with a mocking.

"I suppose," said he, "'tis shocking

Your arrangements to be blocking.

But I'm hardly through my first!

"I presume it is outrageous,

And I doubt not you will scold,

But in all the many stages

Of my life, bright and umbrageous,

Youth has aye been so contagious

That I've failed to grow up old!"

Whereupon I'm glad to tell, O.

He escaped a senile role,

In the sere and in the yellow.

This dear, happy hearted fellow

Kept a beautifully mellow

Touch of boyhood in his soul!

—John Kendrick Bangs in *Master Mind*.

## The Trend of the Times

By M. A. WILLIAMS.

**I**N TIMES past, the thought was prevalent that religion was for "weak-minded men, old women, and children," and instances of big, strong, powerful business men who had succeeded in the popular conception of the word, doing business by *The Golden Rule*—selling according to the customers' needs and not according to the commission the salesman desired—were almost unheard of. Today, however, such instances are many in every line of business. The owners of factories, and the heads of many big business organizations are leading the way into the trail blazed by seers, prophets, and teachers of old, and followed most perfectly by the Nazarene.

How wonderfully we have grown in knowledge and understanding of the real success of life and how to attain it, during the past few years! Only a few years ago would it have been possible to pick up a popular insurance magazine and find in the same number—in addresses given by lawyers, before a Life Insurance sales congress—references to selling insurance by *The Golden Rule*? Indeed, in this magazine in big type, in displayed the significant heading: "*Golden Rule is Basis For all Salesmanship.*"

One speaker considers the Bible "the most efficient manual on salesmanship," and closes his very splendid, practical address with the thought, "You may, however, have this assurance; if you study and absorb this principle and apply it unequivocally, you are bound to be successful in your chosen vocation; and beyond that you will build for yourself those foundations of integrity, character and manhood that will make you worthy factors in the further development and maintenance of our country and its institutions, and therefore powerful factors in the regeneration and rehabilitation of the world's civilization."

In the same magazine, in an address quoted from a second lawyer before this sales congress, under the heading, "*Warning Sounded on Marked Moral Hazard,*" we find: "When Babson says 'religion', I am sure he does not mean creed or dogma, but refers to that motivating force in human life which restrains and compels; that substitutes love for selfishness. After all, men, this is not religion as we commonly are prone to regard it, it is life, and 'life more abundantly.'"

In a recent issue of the "Bankers Life Bulletin," which reported an agency meeting in one of the large agencies of that company, Vice-President Nollen is quoted as urging the practice of *The Golden Rule* among salesmen and toward agency managers as one of the potent factors in the success of an organization.

These are evidences of "the trend of the times" toward the only success that is success of any business.

Going back to the Bible as an insurance manual, we find that the principles of good salesmanship are embodied in "the sermon by the sea." Christ was a teacher-salesman, just as every good Life Insurance salesman is a teacher-salesman—teaching the principles of systematic saving, which practice develops self-sacrifice, a going out of oneself to provide for those dependent upon him and to protect those to whom he is indebted in a business way.

This great teacher-salesman taught by parables—by telling stories—and in doing this he used the suggestion given to modern salesmen: "Talk to your prospect in his own language, in terms he understands. Give him illustrations that apply to his own life."

Taking advantage of his location,—the seashore overlooking the hills, the multitude having crowded him into a ship, in the distance a sower sowing seed in the valley,—his alertness at once appreciated the right time, place and opportunity to teach the lesson in terms that his hearers understood, that they saw demonstrated before them,—"A sower went forth to sow." This was understandable, provable.

He understood and practiced the overcoming of resistance throughout his life. To teach the principles for which he stood, his plan was to "agree with your adversary quickly"—"get on the prospect's side of the fence."

He was a thorough student of human nature, and he used this knowledge cleverly to teach or to prove his point without argument. When the woman's accusers thought to confuse him by asking him questions that to answer directly would have given them the means to plot against him, he answered with a parry (very often he answered by asking another question): "Let him who is without sin among you, cast the first stone"; and then he stooped down and began to write in the sand. It is supposed that he wrote there the secret sin of every accuser, for as each read the writing, he turned and walked away, argument overcome by the "Admission—But—" system, in modern Insurance language.

Many phases of the life of this great teacher might be cited as good salesmanship examples, and a study of this life story will more deeply inspire *The Golden Rule* plan that is now being pointed out as the road to real success in Life Insurance salesmanship.

Rather new, the Bible a salesman's manual? "Old things are passed away; all things are become new."

Just as a leaf thrown on the slowest moving stream shows the direction of the current, so these tendencies demonstrate that as a whole we are moving upward; we are growing into the everyday practice of "the greatest of these," which today is translated "Service."

### A HOUSE BLESSING.

Bless the four corners of this house,  
And be the lintel blest;  
And bless the hearth, and bless the board,  
And bless each place of rest;  
And bless the door that opens wide  
To strangers, as to kin;  
And bless each crystal window-pane  
That lets the starlight in;  
And bless the roof-tree overhead,  
And every sturdy wall;  
The peace of God, the peace of man,  
The peace of Love, on all.

—Arthur Guiterman in Unity.

## What Divine Science Has Done for Me

*By Students of the Chicago Center of Divine Science*

Through my husband's illness we came into Divine Science. He was cured of lung trouble and is now perfectly well.

I will never forget the lecture you gave on Omnipresence. I had a wonderful experience the following day. My thoughts were of nothing but Omnipresence and everything seemed perfect. At half past ten in the morning, I received a telephone call that my mother-in-law was very sick, that they feared her end was not far off, and that they were expecting a specialist that afternoon. I was to come and stay with her. I sat down to realize the Omnipresence as well as I could and thought of what I had heard. "The Lord, my God, in the midst of me is mighty," is mightier than anything else in the world; that Omnipresence is always with us, there is no sickness in Omnipresence. In the afternoon when I arrived at her place she was sitting in a chair and was feeling well. She then told me how sick she had been and that about eleven o'clock there was such a wonderful change, how much better she had felt since. When the specialist came I immediately realized the Omnipresence of God, that she was the image of God and God's child, and that God's child is perfect, so he could find nothing wrong with her. I wish you could have seen that physician—he had nothing to say because she was perfect. In the evening she had dinner with us which was the first meal she had eaten for some time. I am very thankful for this and many other experiences that we have had.

Divine Science has certainly done a great deal for me. Knowing the Truth, has helped me over many illnesses. I have known Divine Science for many years but since taking up the actual study of it I realize that I could have had many more blessings if I had had a better understanding of it. I must say that I am certainly glad and thankful to have the opportunity of taking these lessons in Fundamentals.

Friends and relatives tried to tell me that after my baby came it would be a great responsibility to take care of a baby with my other duties. I feared the day when my nurse would leave me. I could not imagine that I was able to manage both my baby and domestic duties. The day came when the nurse left, and I felt downhearted at first. Then I prayed and asked God to give me strength so that I could perform my duties. A thought came to me, "Just make your baby comfortable and leave the rest to God." Oh! How I rejoiced when I was able to realize that the Omnipresence of God was all that was needed and I could do away with all worries. The thought of fear that had so completely taken hold of my consciousness left me. What a joy it is to know that God is All, God is Infinite, God is everywhere. "In God we trust."

About eight years ago I was very sick with what is known as *milk leg* and could not walk on account of the dead feeling in my legs. The doctor attending me wanted to amputate one of my legs but I would not consent to this. I told him of a Divine Science practitioner who had been attending me, and that I felt sure I could be cured without having my leg taken off. He laughed and said no one could cure me, but I had faith and told him I would put my trust in God. Three weeks later I was up and could walk like other folks. Just a year later while I was out walking with my mother I met this doctor and I reminded him of my case. He was astonished to say the least. I am well, and so thankful for this practical teaching.

## This is My Task

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

When the whole world resounds with rude alarms  
Of warring arms,  
When God's good earth, from border unto border,  
Shows man's disorder,  
Let me not waste my dower of mortal might  
In grieving over wrongs I cannot right.  
This is my task: Amid discordant strife  
To keep a clean sweet center in my life,  
And tho the human orchestra may be  
Playing all out of key,  
To tune my soul to symphonies above  
And sound the note of love.

This is my task.

When, by the minds of men, most beauteous Faith  
Seems doomed to death,  
And to her place is hoisted, by soul-treason  
The dullard Reason,  
Let me not hurry forth with flag unfurled  
To proselyte an unbelieving world.  
This is my task: In depths of unstarred night  
Or in diverting and distracting light,  
To keep (in crowds or in my room alone)  
Faith on her lofty throne,  
And whatsoever happen or befall,  
To see God's hand in all.

This is my task.

When, in church pews, men worship God in words,  
But meet their kind with swords;  
When fair Religion, stripped of holy passion,  
Walks masked as Fashion,  
Let me not wax indignant at the sight  
Or waste my strength bemoaning her sad plight.  
This is my task: To search in my own mind  
Until the qualities of God I find;  
To seek them in the heart of friend or foe,  
Or high and low,  
And in my hours of toil or prayer or play,  
To live my creed each day.

This is my task.

"Let us not for one moment forget that man has the power *within himself* which can build up an inner oasis in an outer desert—that he has within him the love which can transform a garret into a palace, a frugal meal into a feast.

"When he cannot realize his ideals he can idealize his reals."

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## IN GOD WE TRUST

### What Did You Order?

By LOWELL FILLMORE.

You gave the order; you are now receiving, c. o. d., that for which you asked.

But, you say, you do not like the things you are getting, and you did not order them. You did not ask for a cold; you did not ask for a loss of money; you did not ask for sorrow; you did not ask for trouble. You asked for health, happiness, and prosperity; you asked for them fervently—twenty minutes—and you were very sincere.

That is good as far as it went, but here is a point that you must consider: What did you ask for during the remainder of the day? Every thought is a silent request. Every thought brings something like itself into your life in proportion to its power as compared to all your other thoughts.

To illustrate: If you think of health a few times and of illness many times during the day, the health thoughts will be weak in proportion to the illness thoughts, and will accomplish but little for you.

What chance have twenty minutes a day of good thoughts against 1,420 minutes a day of idle thoughts?

What did you think about after you devoted twenty minutes to Godlike thinking?

Perhaps you invited the unpleasant things without realizing it. Perhaps you reveled in scandal stories which you read in the newspapers, or listened with bated breath to the gossip of the neighborhood, or perhaps you worried about what might happen to you and yours, or about your finances; you were so occupied by the things of the world of appearances that you forgot the realities of Spirit all day, except for twenty minutes.

Will you continue this one-sided existence, living on husks? Are you telling yourself that you will begin to think differently next month, but that you have not enough time to do it now?

If you postpone your salvation until next month you will likely postpone it again at that time. Begin now to live by opening your mind to the blessings of spiritual life. These spiritual blessings are the only things that can make your outer life worth while; they are the foundation of all success and happiness.

What are spiritual blessings?

They are those invisible realities which are the very substance of the things that appear.

Realize that God is health, and that he is everywhere present. Let this realization become a certainty to you through your faith in God as health. This spiritual assurance of omnipresent health then becomes a priceless spiritual blessing abiding in you. This spiritual blessing soon produces a physical manifestation of health in your body and in the bodies of those for whom you hold the realization. Material blessings are but the outpicturing of spiritual blessings.

To realize, by unwavering faith, a spiritual truth to the degree that it becomes a reality to you, is to lay hold of the very creative forces of the Infinite. This realization must be persistent. Peter walked on the waves for a moment, but when he took fearful note of the dark waters under him he began to sink.

No material thing is a blessing to man unless he has the inner power to discern its true qualities.

You ask: "Shall I forget my business and my other affairs, and spend my time thinking about God?"

Yes; forget about the negative things in your affairs and in your business, and think about God as being in all that you do. No business can be a success without God. If you try to run your business without God you will find the task a hard one; the worry of it will wear you out.

When you go out into the darkness of night for a drive in your motor car, you take your light along. You do not look at the light for a few minutes, and then go out without it. You cannot expect to be divinely guided when you go out into the world without God, even though you have communed a few moments with him before going out.

If you will let him, God will supply you with wonderful ideas for the success of your business. He will help you to work along harmonious lines, and will enable you to avoid the worries and misunderstandings of ordinary business relationships.

Friction makes heat. God's way eliminates friction. Friction in business affairs burns out man's nerves. Love and good will oil the wheels of business and eliminate friction. Love and good will are expressions of God's wonderful harmonious law. The Golden Rule is the smoothest working plan that was ever formulated for any legitimate business.

Working in accord with God's harmonious law brings abundant results, and no wear and tear on brain and nerves. Working at cross purposes with God's harmonious law—the usual human way of working—brings unsatisfactory results; it tires the brain, and shatters the nerves.

You have the privilege of choosing whether you will take the harmonious divine way or the inharmonious human way. You can absolutely control all situations by the kind of thoughts that you think.—*Weekly Unity.*

## My Creed

Not one holy day, but seven.  
Worshipping, not at the call of a bell  
but at the call of my soul.  
Singing, not at the baton's sway,  
but to the rhythm of my heart.  
Loving because I must;  
Giving because I cannot keep;  
Doing for the joy of it.

# Healing Department

"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD."

"I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of the Lord than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

And as I read this Bible Statement several times, I realized that it is the decision that each one makes when he first becomes aware of the truth of Being.

The still small Voice that comes to each one in times of darkness and distress and says, "Be still and know—that I am God." brings one up from the "tents of the wicked" (false beliefs and opinions) to the door of his own inner temple, or "house of the Lord."

As we listen and let that Voice and its reality, or vision, steal through our whole being, we stand guard at the door of our mentality and see that nothing that is not true to that inner One shall enter.

It is well to examine ourselves carefully and see just how much we are living from the subtle influence of personal suggestion, and how much of the time we are listening to and obeying the inner Voice.

Do we know that we have an inner Voice, an inner Presence and Power that is "nearer than breathing, closer than hands and feet?"

Man has been so accustomed to living from a monotonous round of daily experiences that he is often afraid to trust himself in the slightest degree outside of their prescribed limits.

Let us begin, today, to listen to the Voice in the inner temple. "Behold I do a new thing, now it shall spring forth."

Remember God is the treasure house of all ages, the fullness and sufficiency of every avenue of Being.

No one yet has ever gone to God and come away empty handed.

God so loved the world (visible manifestation) that he gave himself in expression. You are that expression.

"It is the Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." "He hath given us of his Spirit without measure."

There are many statements that verify God's willingness to supply us with all that we need. We can always prove the statement by turning from our past formulations and accepting the new method, the new vision, the new fullness.

## MEDITATION:

I will be still and know that God is the inner Presence and Power.

I will rely faithfully on that Presence and that Power to supply all my need.

Each issue of the Weekly will have on this page explicit directions for treating and healing and from time to time testimonials will be given. There will also be carried a thought for the week to be used together by the practitioners of this department and those applying for help.

This department is not organized with the thought of charity, but with the recognition that it is meeting a great need of those at a distance. In sending a good-will offering in return for benefits received, we ask that those who are abundantly supplied financially will feel it a privilege to give generously, and in this way help sustain this work, so it can carry the many who can give but little. Whatever your offering may be, send it with your individual blessing which will assure the return in both healing and supply.

All correspondence will receive a personal reply. Be explicit in stating your case and know that all communications will be held in strictest confidence.

Names and addresses of those who give testimonials on this page will be sent upon request.

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## A Children's Story

BY VIRGINIA CALDWELL.

(eight years of age.)

ONCE upon a time there was an old woman who lived alone in a house in the woods. A little boy who lived not far away brought her a paper one day which said—if she could solve this puzzle, she would get a walking and talking doll as a prize. Granny was so lonesome she thought even a walking and talking doll would be some company, so she solved the puzzle—for she was very smart—and soon a box came that held a beautiful doll.

Granny expected to hear it say, "Mamma" but instead it said, "I am so glad to be here; the store was so dusty and I got no care at all." Granny thought, "There must be a big spring in this doll." So she stood her up and she walked around. That night Granny made her a neat little bed in the clothes basket and put her to sleep by her side. Early in the morning Granny felt a little body creeping under the covers and snuggling into her arms and a small, sweet voice said "Please talk to me, I am lonely too." She was quite surprised to hear the Dolly speak these words, but found she could talk and answer questions; so they lived very happily until one day Dolly wanted to take a long walk, not satisfied to stay in the house all of the time. She begged and begged until finally Granny gave her consent.

It was a lovely morning; birds were singing and the sun was shining and Dolly was very happy. She walked and walked until she came to a little town; there she met a little girl who picked her up and carried her home to her nursery. There Dolly tried to talk to the other dolls, but was only answered with stares, so she became disgusted and let them alone. She lived here for a week, but was very unhappy and longed to go back to Granny. One day she heard a funny little squeak in the corner. She walked over to see what it was and saw a small gray mouse squeaking around in a little cage as if he were much frightened. He said, "I am caught in a trap and I can't get out, I nibble these iron bars but I can't get through." Dolly hunted all around the cage until she found a small steel door which she pulled open, and out frisked the mouse like a bird from a cage.

One day when no one was at home and the nursery window was open, Dolly climbed down the vines, and now she was free. She started for Granny's house as fast as her legs could carry her. When she finally reached it she looked in, but all she saw was five little dwarfs sitting around the table. She started back, half in surprise and half in fright; but the little dwarfs beckoned her to come and bade her tell her story, and they looked so friendly that she did. She told them she was sure this was Granny's cottage. They declared they never heard of Granny, but for her to stay and make her home with them. Dolly did not believe this was not Granny's cottage, so she went peering into all the corners and closets, and in one room she saw a beautiful golden canary in a cage of gold. The bird told her that she was really Granny, but had been transformed by the dwarfs, and that she must go away at once or they would surely transform her, too. Dolly refused ever to leave her again, so Granny told her there was just one thing that could change her back to her natural

form, "A bag of magic hangs on the neck of one of the dwarfs in the day time, and is under his pillow at night, but he wakes at the smallest sound so you can never steal it." As Dolly turned away sadly, she met the little gray mouse that she had saved from the trap and told him her trouble.

He blew a small whistle that hung around his neck and other little mice came from corners, closets and cupboards to answer his call. They all gathered around him and held council. The little gray mouse said, "We must get this bag, which Tiddly Winks keeps under his pillow at night, (Tiddly Winks was the dwarf's name) and asked, "Who will be brave enough to try?"

All the little mice shouted "I" so loud that he put his paw to his mouth for fear the dwarfs would hear. Then they all quieted down and that night, when all was still, the mice crept softly into the room where the dwarf was sleeping, crowded gently around his pillow and with a signal from Gray Mouse, all gave a quick tug at the bag. The dwarf jumped out of bed with a shriek and tried to grab the magic bag, but there were so many mice running in all directions that he could not tell which one to follow, so they got the precious bag to Dolly. She at once threw the powder over the bird, which was sitting on a beam just as high as her chin. As the powder dusted over the bird, some of it fell over the mice also, and at once they became handsome princes, for they too had been transformed by the dwarfs. At the same time Granny became herself again.

When the dwarfs were met by the princes they turned and fled into the forest. What became of them no one knows, but Dolly and Granny went to the palace of the grateful princes and lived happily ever after.

### "That Second Mile"

See, friends, this lovely rose!  
A week ago 'twas but a bud;  
Today, full blown, its fragrance  
Fills the room with perfume sweet.

Day by day I've watched this flower,  
Gather strength and beauty;  
Fading not nor drooping,  
But lovingly doing its honest best,—  
Its "second mile."

So, we our parts must play,  
With integrity born of Principle.  
Whatever the environment may be,  
Let us lovingly do our level best,—  
"That second mile."

—R. H. MERRIAM.

(Note: The above was written by Mr. Merriam directly after hearing a sermon by Mrs. Ritchie in which she referred to a beautiful, pink rose-bud on the table near her, in illustration of the spirit of the "second mile." She had had this rose in her office for a week and it retained its color, freshness, and beauty. At the time of this writing it is still in the same condition, although it has been in a steam-heated office nearly two weeks.)  
(Secretary to Mrs. Ritchie.)

Self is the only prison that can ever bind the soul; Love is the only Angel that can bid the gates unroll.—*Henry Van Dyke.*



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